

## DRAFT - USD 368 Enrollment Projection & Nonresident Enrollment Report

Per K.S.A [72-3123](#), [72-3124](#), and [72-3126](#), before May 1st of each year, the superintendent of schools or designee will develop and submit a recommendation to the board of education declaring the projected enrollment and number of open seats available to nonresident students. By June 1 of each year, the district will publish on its website, at a minimum, the number of students expected to attend the district in the next school year and the number of open seats available to nonresident students. Included in this report are recommended actions the board of education is asked to take to fulfill such statutory requirement.

### Enrollment Projection Determination

Outlined in this report is a collection of data and considerations used to prepare a recommendation to the board of education to approve enrollment projections and the number of seats available to nonresident students.

Student Count according to Sept. 20 SO66 Report						
	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024 -2025	2025-2026	2021-2026 Average
PreK	26	37	27	32	29	30.2
K	102	120	106	111	105	108.8
1	115	110	113	113	108	111.8
2	134	118	113	122	113	120.0
3	105	142	116	105	116	116.8
4	141	112	147	121	107	125.6
5	137	149	116	147	114	132.6
6	125	143	147	118	151	136.8
7	144	137	149	149	123	140.4
8	144	151	135	146	150	145.2
9	127	147	160	136	154	144.8
10	154	133	149	160	137	146.6
11	134	153	135	148	161	146.2
12	154	125	145	123	141	137.6
LM	59	39	52	54	63	53.4
<b>Total</b>	1801	1816	1810	1785	1772	1796.8

### Other Enrollment Considerations

It is critical that the district maintain a student-teacher ratio that maximizes learning while remaining fiscally responsible. Additionally, the district must maintain appropriate physical space to efficiently and effectively educate students. These physical spaces may include but are not limited to classrooms, hallways, commons areas, dining, playground, parking, and offices. District goals for the appropriate student enrollment range for each district school is outlined below.

### District Enrollment Goals

School	Recommended Capacity	Student-Teacher Ratio (PreK-5) / Grade Cohort Goal (6-12)												
		KG	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
Pre-K	36													
CES	450	19-21	20-22	21-23										
SES	450				22-24	22-24	22-24							
PMS	486							156	162	168				
PHS	720										180	180	180	180

The district contracted with RSP & Associates to conduct an enrollment analysis during the 2020-2021 school year. Based off these estimates, current enrollment, census data, local birth rates, and housing availability the district projects that the student enrollment has a high likelihood of decreasing over the next few years.

## Program Student Enrollment

There are a number of student programs throughout the district that require specialized resources, including but not limited to staffing, physical space, equipment, technology, and training. It is critical for effective student learning and staff support that these programs do not exceed the maximum capacity for which the district has adequate resources. These programs and the current enrollment are outlined in the following tables.

### Program student enrollment (Grades K-8)

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Program	Total Seats	KG	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
Vocal Music	180	19-21	20-22	21-23	22-24	22-24	22-24	60	60	60
Band	180							60	60	60
Virtual Learning	2	0						2		
Hillsdale Academy - Behavior	10						2	8		
Life Skills	22	12			10					
Level 1 @ Osaw.	12	12								
Level 2 @ Louis.	12				12					
Level 3 @ Paola	15							15		

### Program Enrollment (Grades 9-12)

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Program	Total Seats	9th	10th	11th	12th	Projected Seats Available
Alternative School	25	27				-2
Automotive - Flint Hills Tech	6			9		-3
HVAC - Neosho County CC	5			1		4
Welding - Neosho County CC	5			4		1
Welding - Fort Scott CC	5			2		3
CNA - Fort Scott CC	15			15		0
Criminal Justice	8			2		6
Vocal Music	65	80				-15
Band	80	70				10
Virtual Learning	24	22				2
Hillsdale Academy - Behavioral	12	12				0
Hillsdale Academy - Life Skills	10	10				0
Level 4 @ Prairie View	16	16				0

Enrollment projections are for informational purposes only and do not guarantee class availability.

### Student Enrollment Projections and Capacity

Enrollment projections incorporate all of the data identified in this report to the best of our ability and in order to operate at maximum effectiveness and efficiency.

### 2026-2027 Enrollment Projections based on 2025-2026 Enrollment

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School	Total Count	KG	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
Pre-K	36													
CES	304	100	99	105										
SES	336				113	116	107							
PMS	388							114	151	123				
PHS	602										150	154	137	161

## 2026-2027 Nonresident Student Enrollment Capacity Projection based on Projected Number of Sections

2026-2027 Nonresident Enrollment Capacity Projection														
School	Total Count	KG	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
# Sections		5	5	5	6	5	5							
Pre-K	0													
CES	11	0	6	5										
SES	47				25	4	18							
PMS	98							42	11	45				
PHS	118										30	26	43	19

## 2026-2027 Nonresident Student Enrollment Capacity Projection based on Increased Number of Sections

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School	Total Count	KG	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
# Sections		6	6	6	6	6	6							
Pre-K	0													
CES	74	20	27	27										
SES	96				25	28	43							
PMS	98							42	11	45				
PHS	118										30	26	43	19

The above information is for informational purposes and will serve as a general guideline to make open enrollment decisions of nonresident students. USD 368 does not guarantee class availability. The district reserves the right to amend capacity if a situation comes up beyond its control. (i.e. – number of sections is decreased due to a teacher resignation that cannot be filled causing the recommended Pupil/Teacher Ratio, etc.)

Current nonresident students enrolled during the 2025-2026 school year and are in good standing will not need to apply as a nonresident student for the 2026-2027 school year. District administration will notify parents/guardians of current nonresident students who are not in good standing by **May 15**.

A nonresident student will not be accepted when enrollment requires the acquisition of additional district resources, including but not limited to personnel, technology hardware or software, square footage, physical equipment, transportation services, or contracted services.

Acceptance of nonresident students will not be based on ethnicity, national origin, gender, income level, disabling condition, proficiency in the English language, measure of achievement, aptitude and athletic ability, however if capacity does not exist in a program that provides any nonresident student assurance of a Free Appropriate Public Education, the enrollment request may be subsequently denied.

If a nonresident student is accepted into the district and later found to have an IEP that includes transportation between the residence and assigned school, the district is not required to provide transportation outside of district boundaries.

**Out of District enrollment does not guarantee KSHSAA activities eligibility. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to understand eligibility and transfer requirements before submitting their enrollment application.**

*Adopted by the USD 368 Board of Education on April 13, 2026.*